



Community Bulletin

October 2nd, 2023

Dear Shrewsbury Families,

Please note the following announcements and information related to various events or activities that may be of interest to you and your children. Announcements from non-school sources are passed on as a courtesy if they meet the requirements of the [School Committee policy](#).

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School District Items

1. Save the Date – Public Sale of Used School Furniture, October 13th & 14th (New)

Shrewsbury Public Schools is hosting a public sale of used school furniture, miscellaneous equipment, books, and more on Friday, October 13th (10:00 am - 2:00 pm) and Saturday, October 14th (9:00 am - 3:00 pm). The sale will take place at 220 Barber Ave, Worcester MA 01606.

We will offer for public sale many surplus furniture and equipment items that are now obsolete for our operations, but may be something you need or want. These items include chairs, desks, tables, shelves, filing cabinets, early reader books, and more!

Bargain prices! Cash only sales, all prices as marked, no price negotiating. Rain or shine. All items must be removed at time of purchase. Final sale. Please [click here](#) to see the flier. Please help spread the word!

2. Please Note – Volunteer Interpreters Needed for the District (New)

Do you speak English and another language well enough to help teachers or school administrators communicate with other families who speak that language? Families sometimes need language assistance to attend a school meeting or event, to learn how to access district resources, or to communicate effectively with school staff. Locally-based volunteer interpreters can be a great resource to help our linguistically diverse families at public events as well as at meetings that do not involve confidential information. We are especially in need of interpreters for Haitian Creole, Mandarin Chinese, Portuguese and Spanish.

If you are available to help in any capacity, please give us your contact information and availability through [this link](#). We will be in touch when help is needed. Thank you for helping Shrewsbury Public Schools!

3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Education Foundation Recruitment (New)

The Shrewsbury Education Foundation (SEF) is seeking new members to join its mission of supporting the students and educators of our Shrewsbury Public Schools. SEF works to stimulate, strengthen, and support the creation and implementation of innovative educational programs and enrichment activities that benefit students of the Shrewsbury Public Schools.

Through its all-volunteer effort supported by charitable contributions, SEF fills a vital gap for Shrewsbury students. SEF grants allow dedicated educators to create new learning vehicles that cannot be supported. SEF grants encourage creative approaches to educating the whole child--further meeting their intellectual, psychosocial, and health needs. Shrewsbury Education Foundation receives grant requests from educators within the Shrewsbury Public Schools

district for materials allowing them to go beyond the basic necessities of teaching and improving the education process for their students.

SEF meets once per month to discuss community outreach, plan fundraising initiatives, and coordinate events that fund future grant opportunities. If you are interested in joining the Shrewsbury Education Foundation team, please contact Kim Olsen (kimberlyolsen42@gmail.com) or James Dealy (Jamesdealy@hotmail.com) to inquire about joining our team and visit www.SEFgrants.org for more information on Shrewsbury Education Foundation.

4. Save the Date – SHS Athletic Booster Mattress Fundraiser, October 21st

We are excited to present the mattress fundraiser once again. This fundraiser is hosted by the Shrewsbury High School Athletic Boosters Club. All of the funds that are raised will go directly to the Booster Club that supports all athletes in the middle schools and high school. The event will take place on Saturday, October 21st at Shrewsbury High School from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information.

5. Please Note – SAT Prep Course

The SHS Fall SAT Prep Course will be offered once again through Shrewsbury High School. The course will begin the week of October 21st and run through the week of December 4th. Classes will meet remotely on Mondays from 5:30pm to 7:40pm for a total of seven night sessions. Test taking strategies will be emphasized in this class and will focus on the new digital SAT. Class size will be kept small, allowing for a great deal of individual attention. Enrollment is strictly on a first-come first-served basis; the course is open to juniors and seniors. Students will also take two full-length SAT exams, which provides reinforcement for skills taught during the course and test-taking experience. The cost of the program is \$270 for Shrewsbury residents and \$300 for non-Shrewsbury residents. This class will run only if there is sufficient demand. Additional information and registration forms are located at SHS in Mrs. Monopoli's office on the third floor, the School Counseling office, or can be downloaded from the SHS School Counseling webpage (under "College Related Testing" on the SHS website). Please contact Jen Lundsten if you have any questions at jalundsten@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us or 508-841-8810.

6. Please Note – Jobs for Students

Do you have a business who is looking to hire this fall? Shrewsbury youth are eager to work! Please complete [this form](#) to provide information about available positions in your company or business. Information will be posted to our highly popular and frequently visited [Jobs for](#)

[Students site](#), and you will receive an invitation to attend the SHS Job Fair in November (details TBD).

Do you have a high school student looking for an after-school or summer job? We have many local businesses looking for student employees, listed on our new [Jobs for Students site](#)! Every job listing contains a brief job description, instructions for how to apply for the job, and the contact person. It is the student's responsibility to connect with the employer and to apply for the job personally. This list is updated frequently, with the newest jobs listed first. Please note that if your student is under 18, they must [apply for a work permit](#). Instructions for how to apply for a permit are also on the [Jobs for Students page](#).

Questions? Please email kkeohane@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us. Thank you for supporting our students!

7. Please Note – Cafeteria Help Wanted

The Shrewsbury Food Service is looking for part-time employees, full-time employees, and substitutes to work in the school cafeterias. Days and hours are flexible. Duties include preparing food, setting up serving lines, serving students, and breakdown and clean-up. Lunch and refreshments are provided.

Please click [here](#) to obtain an employment application. Please forward this application to the Food Service Department C/O Shrewsbury High School, 75 Cypress Avenue, Shrewsbury MA 01545 or email to Heidi Doyle at hdoyle@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us. If you have any questions, please call Heidi Doyle at (508) 841-8855.

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1. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events (New)

50+ Job Seekers Virtual Networking Group

Come meet new job seekers to expand your network, news, and views with the Massachusetts Library Collaborative's 50+ Job Seekers Group! If you are over 50 and unemployed and actively looking, underemployed, seeking a new career direction, or re-entering the job market after a gap, this group is perfect for you.

The group meets on Zoom from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on first and third Wednesday mornings, with repeat sessions on the same topics offered in the evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on second and fourth Wednesday evenings. Registration is required for each session (register [here](#) for

morning sessions; register [here](#) for evening sessions). This group is sponsored by more than 60 Massachusetts public libraries. Find the full list of topics and registration [here](#). This group is sponsored by more than 60 Massachusetts public libraries.

SPL Spanish Conversation Club

Are you looking for a casual space in which you can practice your Spanish and learn more about the multiple cultures of those who speak that language? Join the Spanish Conversation Club most Tuesdays at the Shrewsbury Public Library (6:00 p.m. in the Learning Lab on the second floor). No registration required. Visit our [events calendar](#) to check dates.

¿Buscas un espacio informal en el que puedas practicar tu Español y aprender más de las múltiples culturas que hablan este idioma? Únete a nuestro club de conversación la mayoría de los martes en la biblioteca pública de Shrewsbury a las 6:00 p.m. en el laboratorio del segundo piso. No es necesario registrarse. Visita nuestro [calendario de eventos](#) para verificar citas.

SPL Spanish Culture Club

The Spanish Culture Club provides an open and casual learning environment outside of the classroom to promote learning and practicing the language as well as to celebrate the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries around the world. This club is not only about learning Spanish, but learning about Hispanic culture: cuisine, idioms, movies, food, and more. The group will meet every other Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Public Library; no registration required.

Tech Tuesday: Digital Privacy and Security

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library at 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Lab for Tech Tuesdays! This program is intended for proficient computer users aged 13+ who are familiar with navigating the internet. Laptops will be provided. Space is limited, so [registration](#) is required.

Gardening Is Murder with author Neal Sanders

Join the Shrewsbury Garden Club on Tuesday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. for a “spouse’s point of view” of gardening filled with humor and insight from someone who gardens less from an abiding love of horticulture than for the love of a spouse. Good horticultural advice is dispensed, bad advice is debunked. Attendees will leave with a better appreciation of what’s going on in the mind of their helpmates. The talk is adapted from presenter Neal Sanders’s widely read blog, [The Principal Undergardener](#).

Some of the topics covered include:

- Why so much gardening advice on the internet is awful
- Why you never compute the value of your gardening labor
- Proof that wildlife doesn’t watch Walt Disney movies
- Why it requires digging three holes to plant one thing

This program will take place in person at the Shrewsbury Public Library; please [register](#) to attend.

Zumba at the library

Join the Shrewsbury Public Library for Zumba®, an interval-style dance fitness party that combines low-intensity and high-intensity moves. Burn lots of calories while moving to the rhythm with Latin-inspired dance moves. The best part of it all is that it doesn't even feel like exercise! Dance fitness classes aren't just great for cardiovascular health, but also tone muscles and improve balance and flexibility. Zumba instructor Johanny Pineyro will lead this engaging class beginning at 6:00 p.m. No registration required; dates include Wednesdays, October 11th & 25th and November 1st & 29th.

Spooky programs at the library!

Make sure to check out all the Shrewsbury Public Library's spooky happenings throughout October (find details and registration on our [event calendar](#)). Events include:

The Salem Witchcraft Trials: What Really Happened?; [October 12th at 7:00 p.m.](#)
Halloween Hauntings, dramatic readings by Michèle LaRue; [October 14th at 2:00 p.m.](#)
Ghosts and Legends with TV's Jeff Belanger; [October 16th at 7:00 p.m.](#)
Paranormal New England for a Paranormal 101; [October 18th at 7:00 p.m.](#)
New England UFOs with Travel Channel's Ronny LeBlanc; [October 23rd at 7:00 p.m.](#)
Movie Matinee: Ghostbusters Afterlife; [October 28th at 2:00 p.m.](#)
The Radikals - Investigators and Archivists of the Unknown; [October 30th at 7:00 p.m.](#)

2. Please Note – Shrewsbury Public Library Events for Children (New)

We have some great events for children happening in October at the Library!

- Thursday, October 5th at 6:30PM - Pajama Storytime - Join us for a fun evening of bedtime stories, songs, and a simple craft. Wear your jammies and bring a favorite sleepytime pal or blanket! For preschoolers and their families. Register [here](#).
- Tuesday, October 10th at 6PM- Choose Your Own Adventure® Library Read-Aloud Book Club - For kids in grades 4 through 6. We'll be reading out loud one book from the Choose Your Own Adventure® series at each meeting and everyone will help decide which path we will take. Participants will receive an Adventurer's Passport to collect badges. Participants who attend all 9 meetings will earn all 9 book badges and be eligible for a prize. We will be having Pizza at each meeting. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. Register [here](#).
- Saturday, October 14th at 12PM - Partial Eclipse! Come watch the partial eclipse! We'll have a pair of eclipse glasses for each family that attends. Be sure to save them for the big eclipse on April 8, 2024! Look outside at the sun, watch the live stream of the full

annual eclipse, and make some eclipse crafts in the Children's Program Room! No registration necessary. Welcome to all ages!

- Tuesday, October 17th at 6PM - Pokemon Trading - Bring your cards and let's start trading! For kids of all ages. No registration required.
- Saturday, October 21st at 10AM - Diwali Storytime - Join local author Ushma Multani as she reads her new book Reena and the Diwali Star and does Diwali themed activities and crafts with the kids. This is a token program. Tokens will be available at the Children's Desk starting at 9:30 a.m. the morning of the program and will be given out on a first come first served basis.
- Tuesday, October 24th at 6AM - Wake Up With Wimpy - For kids in grades 3-7. It's time to Wake Up with Wimpy! Celebrate the release of the latest Diary of a Wimpy Kid book before everyone else! There will be themed games, activities, and breakfast snacks. Each attendee will also receive a copy of the new book No Brainer take home to keep. This event consists of a series of identical 15-minute sessions from 6:00-7:30 am. Registration is required for this event starting Tuesday, October 10th at 9:00 am. To register, email Annie Lee King at aking@cwmars.org or call 508-841-8609 ext 5 - NOT BEFORE OCTOBER 10. Participants will be assigned to a session by the event coordinator. All participants must be registered and late arrivals will not be admitted to the event. Wake Up with Wimpy! is graciously sponsored by the Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union.
- Saturday, October 28th at 10:30AM - Trick-or-Treat Storywalk at Lake Street Park Join the Children's Librarians at Lake Street Park for Halloween fun! Come in costume, read the story along the path, and trick-or-treat for candy! While supplies last.
- Sunday, October 29th at 1:30PM - BuildWave Workshop Kids ages 5+ are welcome to register for this high energy creative building event that encourages play and collaboration. This 1-hour STEM workshop is sure to be a blast! Register [here](#).

Check our [online calendar](#) for more details and registration!

3. Please Note – Shrewsbury Parks & Recreation Programs (New)

Pre-registration is required for all of the Parks & Recreation programs. Space is limited. Visit our [website](#) for more information and registration and follow us on Facebook or Instagram for updates and photos!

Winter Youth Basketball League

Registration for winter basketball is open now. The last day to register is October 15th. This league is open to children in grades 3-12. No tryouts required, all are welcome to play. One evening practice per week, games on Saturdays. VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED! This league cannot run without you!

Food Truck Thursdays

Thursdays, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Lawn through October 12th

Movie in the Park

Join us at Dean Park for our DOUBLE FEATURE outdoor family movie night! Bring your chairs, blankets, and picnic dinners.

New Date: Friday, Oct 6, 2023

6:00 p.m. Family Movie: Monsters, Inc.

8:00 p.m. Throwback: The Princess Bride

Truck or Treat!

Big Truck Day meets trick or treating. Costumes and candy plus vehicles and equipment to explore sounds like a fun way to spend the day! Saturday, October 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Free and open to the public. The first hour of this event is sensory friendly - no horns, sirens, alarms, music, or air brakes.

Please [click here](#) for the Parks & Recreation website.

4. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Multicultural Festival, November 4th

Immerse yourself in a rich array of cultures at the first-ever Shrewsbury Multicultural Festival! Embrace diversity through an enchanting blend of artistic expressions, melodic rhythms, global flavors, and time-honored customs. This festival's mission is to cultivate harmony, empathy, and intercultural respect, providing a stage for significant interactions that enhance the tapestry of our local community.

Join us on Saturday, November 4th from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Oak Middle School for Shrewsbury's Multicultural Night! We are requesting community members to help host booths related to games and activities, food (licensed restaurants and businesses only), entertainment, performances, and much more! Please complete [this survey](#) no later than September 15th if you are interested in participating.

5. Please Note – Shrewsbury Cultural Council Invites Grant Applications, due October 17th

The Shrewsbury Cultural Council, a member of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, invites local artists to apply to our 2024 Grant Cycle. The SCC believes in supporting all varieties of arts in the local community and seeks to enrich the cultural experience and quality of life of Shrewsbury residents. We do this by awarding grants for deserving projects that take place in our schools, cultural organizations, community centers, libraries, elder care facilities, town halls and parks; wherever our community comes together. We strive to support cultural enrichment and creative opportunities that provide diversity and availability to all residents of our town. For

the second year, the state has provided the SCC with \$18,700 to distribute. Click [here](#) to apply by October 17th.

6. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Rotary Club Community Recycling Fundraiser, October 15th

Got Junk? Clean out your unwanted, hard-to-recycle items and support the Shrewsbury Rotary Club's Community Recycling Fundraiser being held on Sunday, October 15th from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Town Hall. All metals, electronics, power tools, and appliances are accepted. If it has a cord, we'll probably take it! \$40 per car load and low single-item fees. See the [flier](#) for more information or contact Rotary President Beth Casavant at (508) 641-8174 or bethcasavant@gmail.com with any questions. Proceeds benefit service projects of the Shrewsbury Rotary Club. Shrewsbury Rotary thanks our friends at WIN Waste Innovations for their generous sponsorship of this event.

7. Save the Date – Shrewsbury Fire Department Open House, October 14th

Shrewsbury residents of all ages are invited to the Shrewsbury Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Guests are encouraged to meet the firefighters, tour the firehouse, sit in a fire truck, and meet their mascot, Sparky! See the [flier](#) for details.

8. Save the Date – SELCO Community Open House, October 6th

SELCO will be holding its first Community Open House on Friday, October 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at SELCO's service area at 30 Municipal Drive. Parking will be available at Paton School. This event will feature tours of the Johnson Substation, Touch-A-Truck, kids activities, giveaways, Boston Trolley Dogs food truck, free popcorn, bounce house and inflatable games, information on rebates and incentives such as heat pumps, EVs, weatherization, yard equipment, solar, appliances and more, Electric Vehicle displays, SELCO Stream demo and raffle, green screen fun sponsored by Shrewsbury Media Connection, and more! Click [here](#) for the event link and [here](#) for the Facebook link.

9. Save the Date – Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library Annual Meeting, October 4th

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library are thrilled to invite all who are interested to A Pleasant Pairing: Tea and Chocolate with a Downton Abbey Theme, including Downton trivia and a large Downton display. Please join us on Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. as Kim

Larkin presents a delicious tea and chocolate pairing. She is a commercially licensed Chocolatier and Creative Arts teacher with 20+ years experience.

This will be a fun, educational talk highlighting the history and many health benefits of tea and dark chocolate (cacao), with insights from the presenter's chocolatier background. She will discuss how to brew a proper cuppa, how tea varieties differ, and the tenets of the Cha/Tea Ceremonies. Included are samplings of tea infusions paired with fine chocolates.

Please also join us for our annual business meeting from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. [Registration](#) is required, as we are limited to 50 attendees. Click [here](#) to see the flier.
